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Annual Reports

OF THE

TOWN OF

ACWORTH

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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for the year ending December 31, 1953

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Selectmen and Other Town Officers

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	FRED L. ROBBINS KENNETH E. BASCOM EDITH B. KEMP
Town Clerk	LEON F. NEWTON
Town Treasurer	HARRY B. GOWEN
Supervisors	ARTHUR PILLSBURY EARL LUTHER, JR. SOLON NEAL
Moderator	ALFRED VIOLET
Road Agent	FREELAND HEMPHILL
Overseer of the Poor	BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Auditor	JOHN H. ELBRIDGE
Trustees of Trust Funds	DOROTHY FAUGHT GLENN BASCOM FRANK WEAVER
Library Trustees	GEORGE S. AMSDEN BESSIE M. PERRY SHELDON ALLEN

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Acworth on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a road agent.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

5. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to deliver Inventory blanks at the time of taking Inventory.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Lucy Johnson lot so called.

8. To see what action the Town wishes to take to restrict the use of Town gravel to Town highway use.

9. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Town Hearse, or if not, what action they wish to take to preserve it.

10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Clerk to draw up a deed transferring the horse sheds and the land upon which they stand to the Congregational Church of Acworth and also the land upon which the Church stands, the latter to be bounded by the road between the Town Hall and the Church and the Church and the school and in front by the new road across the Common.

11. To see what action the Town wishes to take for the preservation of historical records.

12. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, the road that runs from the Kenneth Bascom farm to the Charlestown line.

13. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, the road that runs from the Kenneth Bascom farm to the Langdon line.

14. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, the road that runs from the McCue farm to the Julius L. Christie farm.

15. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, the road that runs from the Alice Holden farm to the Paul Brier farm.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

FRED L. ROBBINS
KENNETH E. BASCOM
EDITH B. KEMP
Selectmen of Acworth

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

To the Taxpayers:

The Town appropriated $1,000 in 1952 for the purchase of a used truck to replace the present town truck. As nothing suitable was found the money was carried over in 1953.

A $300 gravel scoop has been purchased and mounted on the tractor and was of great assistance in patching and gravelling short stretches of road in the summer.

A 1948 International truck was acquired for $700 and has proved most satisfactory for gravelling, sanding, and general trucking. It is hoped that we may mount a light snow plow on this truck to plow our less hilly roads and after light snow storms. We feel that this is a much more economical truck to operate and maintain than one with four-wheel drive.

The Marmon-Herrington, now about 9 years old, is in poor condition. During 1953 it cost over $1,500 in garage bills above and beyond its regular operating costs. Since January 1st it has cost another $200 in garage bills and it is estimated that the loss of work by our employees because of breakdowns has cost the town an additional $500 in the last year. There is an item in the 1954 budget for the purchase of a new four-wheel drive truck.

A five year road plan has been prepared, the details of which will be fully explained at town meeting.

It was necessary for the Selectmen to replace the road agent during the year, and it was felt advisable to make a second replacement in January of 1954 when a trained and experienced man indicated that he would assume the office. Our present road agent is Freeland Hemphill.

FRED L. ROBBINS
KENNETH E. BASCOM
EDITH B. KEMP
Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$ 500.00	$ 553.97	$ 500.00
Savings bank tax	90.00	88.69	85.00
Reimbursement acct. state and federal forest lands	26.95	26.95	26.95
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	186.60	190.50	190.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	535.25	343.81	340.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,400.00	1,549.19	1,500.00
Sale of town property		106.32	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes, regular @ $2	280.00	276.00	280.00
National bank stock taxes	4.00	4.00	4.00
Total Revenues from All Sources except property taxes	$ 3,022.80	$ 3,139.43	$ 2,925.95
Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes (exclusive of county and school taxes)			$16,141.13
Total Revenues			$19,067.08

Purposes of Expenditures	Approps. Previous Year 1953	Actual Exp'tures Previous Year 1953	Approps. Recommended by Budget Com. 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,400.00	$ 1,500.00
Town officers' expenses	500.00	559.53	500.00
Election and registration expenses	50.00	23.00	150.00
Exp. town hall & other buildings	40.00	43.00	100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department		25.50	25.00
Fire department	100.00	5,174.38	100.00
Moth exterm.—blister rust and care of trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	400.00	448.11	450.00
Health:			
Health dept., incl. hospitals		25.10	
Town pump and garbage removal			25.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance, summer	2,500.00	2,449.11	2,500.00
Town maintenance, winter	3,300.00	2,087.64	3,000.00
Street lighting	260.00	273.00	275.00
General exp. of highway dept.	2,000.00	1,892.81	1,000.00
Town road aid	881.91	881.91	895.75
Libraries:	280.00	280.00	261.33
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	100.00	29.00	100.00
Old age assistance	700.00	915.60	900.00
Patriotic Purposes			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Asso.	100.00	100.00	110.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	40.00	100.00

Interest:			
On bonded debt	600.00	679.50	800.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New equipment			1,500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Bonds	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Long term notes	300.00	300.00	300.00
Deficit of previous year	1,570.00		3,075.00
Error in 1953 school budget			464.25
Total Expenditures	$16,731.91	$19,027.19	$19,067.08

MAURICE D. MILLER
ELSIE GOODNOW
KENNETH E. BASCOM
WALDO R. STREETER
HARVEY S. PUTNAM
FAY A. EVANS
WILLIS WARD
HARRY B. GOWEN
Budget Committee

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	$606,430.00
Electric plants	21,710.00
Horses, asses and mules—45	3,410.00
Cows—298	37,740.00
Other neat stock—62	6,380.00
Sheep and goats—15	270.00
Fowls—1104	1,260.00
Boats and launches—1	100.00
Portable mills—4	2,650.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	32,373.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks—4	565.00
Stock in trade	1,860.00
Mills and machinery	900.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	$715,648.00
Less:Soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind	19,100.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	$696,548.00

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

New Hampshire Electric Co.	$ 9,165.00
Granite State Electric Co.	12,545.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	$19,100.00

Number of inventories distributed	519
Number of inventories returned	300
Number of veterans who received porperty exemption	20
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	35

Dated June 27, 1953.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

Assets

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$ 3,387.21
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Fire	1,200.00
State owned forest lands	27.55
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on acct. of)	
Levy of 1952	1,861.64
Levy of 1951	1,541.24
Previous years	809.04
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	15,006.46
Levy of 1952	359.25
Levy of 1951, previous years	545.03
State head taxes, levy of 1953	295.00
State head taxes, previous years	40.00
Total assets	$25,071.42
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	5,921.24
Grand Total	$30,992.66
Net debt—December 31, 1952	$15,132.07
Net debt, December 31, 1953	5,921.24
Decrease of debt	9,210.83

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Reserve acct. future yield tax loss	$ 3,667.96
(Uncollected $295)	295.00
Due to school districts: balance of appropriation	5,329.70
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes:	
Conn. River National Bank, due July 1, 1954	9,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Walpole Savings Bank (town garage)	1,700.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
First National Bank, Concord, N. H. (road bond)	11,000.00
Total Liabilities	$30,992.66
Grand Total	$30,992.66

Receipts

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer):		
Property taxes, current year, 1953	$24,894.77	
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ $2, 1953	276.00	
National bank stock taxes, 1953	4.00	
Yield taxes, 1953	692.33	
State head taxes @ $5, 1953	820.00	
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		$26,687.10
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years		11,505.59
Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ $2		82.00
State head taxes @ $5, previous years		255.00
Interest received on taxes		343.81
Penalties on state head taxes		25.50
Tax sales redeemed		1,062.51
From State:		
For class V highway maintenance		3,840.02
Interest and dividend tax		553.97
Savings bank tax and Building and Loan Association tax		179.76
Reimbursement acct state and federal forest lands		26.95
Fighting forest fires		807.00
Bounties		31.25
From Local Sources, except taxes:		
Dog licenses		190.50
Income from departments		159.66
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits		1,549.19
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$11,000.00	
Refunds	21.24	
Sale of town property	106.32	
		$11,127.56
Total Receipts from All Sources		$58,427.37
Cash on hand January 1, 1953		4,427.47
Grand Total		$62,854.84

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,400.00	
Town officers' expenses	559.53	
Election and registration expenses	23.00	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	43.00	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	25.50	
Fire department, incl. forest fires	5,174.38	
Moth extermination, blister rust and care of trees	400.00	
Bounties	124.00	
Insurance	448.11	
Health:		
Health department, incl. hospitals	25.10	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town maintenance (summer $2,449.11) (winter $2,087.64)	4,536.75	
Street lighting	273.00	
General expenses of highway department	1,892.81	
Libraries:	280.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	915.96	
Town poor	29.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Asso.	100.00	
Public Service Enterprises		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	40.00	
Unclassified:		
Taxes bought by town	2,212.94	
Employees' withholding tax	80.46	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$ 2,293.40
Interest:		
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	$ 679.50	
Total Interest Payments		$ 679.50

Outlay for New Construction, Epuipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and bridges, state aid const.	$ 2,182.09	
Highways and bridges, town const.	3,017.78	
New equipment (highways $1,000)	1,000.00	
Total Outlay Payments		$ 6,199.87
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$11,000.00	
Payments on bonded debt	1,000.00	
Payments to trustees of trust funds (new funds)		12,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Div.:		
State head taxes paid state treas.	$ 1,285.07	
Taxes paid to county	3,019.65	
Payments to school districts (1952 tax $5,000) (1953 tax $12,700)	17,700.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Div.		$22,004.72
Total Payments for All Purposes		$59,467.63
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		3,387.21
Grand Total		$62,854.84

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF PAYMENTS

Town Hall and Other Buildings	
H. B. and G. H. Gowen, fire wood	$ 17 00
Don Sprague, repair town house roof	4 00
Harry Gowen, slab wood	7 00
Granite State Electric Co., lighting	15 00
	$ 43 00
Blister Rust Control	
William Messick, Jr.	400 00
Libraries	
George S. Amsden	280 00
Old Age Assistance	
State of New Hampshire	915 96
Memorial Day	
Britton Porter Post No. 57	50 00
Old Home Day	
Harry B. Gowen, treas., Old Home Day Association	50 00

Fire Department

Granite State Electric Co.	10 00
Edith B. Kemp, food	5 08
Katherine Burke, supplies	4 54
Freida Pockett, food	1 88
Arthur Lufkin, labor	17 85
Leonard Smith, labor	6 80
Buddy Smith, labor	6 80
Albert Davis, labor	18 28
Eudell Parker, labor	85
Charles Horton, labor	85
George Deardon, labor	85
Earl Luther	12 45
Charles Westney	55 00
Winslow Neal	8 08
David Young	16 15
Roy Balla	8 93
Harry Pettersen	8 93
Sam Tuttle	4 25
Maurice Miller	2 55
Allen Young	35 70
Wallace Aiken	8 50
Kenneth Lamphear	11 77
Doris Davis	5 95
Robert Boothby	9 78
Charles Young	13 18
Thomas Potter	4 25
Robert Davis	10 20
Stanley Poltrack	16 40
Lyle Farnsworth	201 55
Carla Blood	18 91
Waldo Streeter	23 80
Harvey Royce	21 25
Eldon Morrison	10 63
Virgil McCue	10 63
Charles Pockett	11 05
Kenneth E. Bascom	3 40
Harold Bushey	20 40
Albert Derrington	10 20
Alvin Derrington	10 20
Don Sprague	20 40
Robert Champney	19 00
Ralph Lumbra	3 20
Frank Weaver	14 00
Frank Robbins	8 20

Harvey S. Putnam	18 00
Theodore Pitkin, Jr.	3 40
Theodore Pitkin, Sr.	18 00
Harvey Bascom	7 65
Paul Bascom	7 65
Richard Elsesser	7 20
Fred Fendale	7 23
Robert Royce	10 20
Raymond Denault	2 55
Francis Laroche	2 55
Don Stoodley	26 25
Seth Kempton	6 80
Allen Young	2 40
Leon Balla	3 50
Harvey Royce	10 20
Francis Marten	10 20
Hugh Wright	3 45
Triangle Tel. Co.	1 96
Lois Hastings, Gilsum fire help	439 90
Town of Winchester, fire help	220 54
Allen Young	1 20
Rial Rowe	20 00
Martha C. Fellows, Unity fire help	596 90
Walter H. Smith, Langdon fire help	162 63
Estelle Berger	31 16
William Miller, Charlestown fire help	340 44
Lilliam M. Andrews, Marlow fire help	683 51
Robert Champney, repair fire truck	7 89
Lyle Farnsworth	11 91
Allen Young	1 95
Francis Laroche	1 48
Clayton Spaulding	5 50
Albert Davis	85
Don Elliott	85
Frank Weaver	1 00
Katherine Burke, gas for fire truck	2 54
Hackwell Lumber Co., labor	67 17
Horace Muscatelle, supplies	1 25
Cassie McAfee, gas and oil	2 60
Elsie M. Barton, Lempster fire help	1572 43
Elsie M. Barton, Lempster fire help	11 90
Carrie F. Wright Hospital, care of J. Sarsfield	2 00
Sears Roebuck, hose	83 49
Elsie Barton, Treas., Lempster	5 10
	$5171 38

Bounties

Harvey S. Putnam	$ 2 35
Edith Kemp	7 50
Edith Kemp	3 50
Edith Kemp	3 00
Kenneth Bascom	5 00
Edith Kemp	1 50
Leon Newton	68 75
Kenneth E. Bascom	1 50
Fred Robbins	18 00
Fred Robbins	7 00
Kenneth E. Bascom	9 00
	$ 127 00

Interest

Walpole Savings Bank, interest on note	$ 22 50
Connecticut River National Bank, interest on $9,000 note	135 00
First National Bank, Claremont, long term note	150 00
Connecticut River National Bank, interest	135 00
First National Bank, Concord, road bond	150 00
Walpole Savings Bank, interest on note	72 00
Connecticut River National Bank, interest on note	15 00
	$ 679 50

Town Officers' Salaries

Leon F. Newton, town clerk and auto permits	$ 470 00
John H. Eldridge, auditor	25 00
Kenneth E. Bascom	250 00
Fred L. Robbins	250 00
Edith B. Kemp	250 00
Harry B. Gowen town treasurer	125 00
Fred L. Robbins, health officer	10 00
Kenneth E. Bascom, perambulating town line and attending tax meeting	14 00
Edith B. Kemp, attending tax meeting and supplies	6 00
	$1400 00

Election and Registration

Solon Neal, balance of 1952 salary	$ 5 00
Solon Neal, supervisor check list	12 00
Arthur Pillsbury, supervisor check list	6 00
	$ 23 00

Town Officers' Expenses

Association of New Hampshires Assessors, dues	$ 3 00
John Eldridge, auditor expense	2 31
Harvey Putnam, expenses	19 50
Granite State Electric Co.	11 00
Argus Press, town reports	295 50
Wheeler & Clark, selectmen's stamp	3 25
Vermont Newspaper Corp., advertisement	3 08
Edson Eastman Co., office supplies	15 85
Tony O. Russell, making deed	3 00
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	25 95
Sears, Roebuck Co., file	79 44
Tony O. Russell, recording transfer	16 04
Edson Eastman Co., poll tax book	5 95
Fred Robbins, expenses	3 87
Hillsboro County Register of Probate	10
Edith B. Kemp, expenses	23
Fred Robbins, window screens	2 58
Alfred Violet, expenses	3 74
Ida M. Horner, tax collector assoc. dues	3 00
Fred Robbins, copy of deed	5 00
Harold Curtiss, stationery	3 00
Charles A. Hardy, Treas., clerk membership fee	2 00
Bragg Lumber Co., lumber	13 10
Edith B. Kemp, telephone	1 52
Leon Newton, expenses	9 00
Fred Robbins, expenses	27 52

Temporary Loans

Connecticut River National Bank	$ 9000 00
Connecticut River National Bank	2000 00
	$11000 00

Bonds and Term Notes

First National Bank of Concord	$1000 00

School District

Dorothy N. Faught, Treas., 1952-53 appro.	$ 5000 00
Dorothy N. Faught, Treas., 1953-54 appro.	12700 00
	$17700 00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter maintenance	$2087 64
Summer maintenance	$2449 11
General expenses	$1892 81
Town construction, Class V	$3002 66

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog licenses:		
Received		$ 204 50
Fees retained	$ 14 00	
Paid treasurer	190 50	
		$ 204 50
Auto Permits:		
1952 No. 229-239	$ 28 52	
1953 No. 1-248	1518 51	
Balance due on 1951	2 16	
		$1549 19
Paid treasurer		$1549 19

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk

I have examined the records of the Town Clerk and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. ELBRIDGE, Auditor

Jan. 23, 1954.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Receipts

Leon F. Newton, tax collector	
Property taxes, 1953	$24894 77
Poll taxes, 1953	276 00
Property and polls previous years	11521 81
Tax sales redeemed	1062 51
Payment for culvert	61 88
Head taxes	1075 00
Penalties	25 50
National Bank stock	4 00
Timber tax	758 11
Leon F. Newton, town clerk	
Dog licenses	190 50
Auto permits	1549 19
Interest	343 81
Property sold by the town	106 32
From school district	97 78
Refund on Burke bill	30
Refund on gas bill	13 35
Temporary loans	11000 00
State of N. H.,savings bank tax	91 07
State of N. H., forest fire refund	3 10
State of N. H., loss of taxes on public forest land	26 95
State of N. H., bounties	31 25
State of N. H., Class V money	3840 02
State of N. H., Interest and dividend tax	553 97
State of N. H., refund on head tax	3 99
State of N. H., refund from pine blister	50
State of N. H., forest fire money	807 00
State of N. H., savings bank tax	88 69
	$58427 37

Respectfully submitted

HARRY B. GOWEN,
Town Treasurer

Summary of Payments

Town officers' salaries	$ 1400 00
Town officers' expenses	559 53
Election and registration	23 00
Town hall and other buildings	43 00
Police	25 50
Fire	5174 38

Blister rust	400 00
Bounties	124 00
Health department	25 10
Withholding	80 46
Summer maintenance	2449 11
Winter maintenance	2087 64
Head tax	1285 07
Lights	273 00
General expenses of highway department	1892 81
Libraries	280 00
Old age assistance	915 96
Town poor	29 00
Memorial and Old Home Day	100 00
Cemeteries	40 00
Taxes bought by the town	2212 94
Interest	679 50
T. R. A.	881 91
Highways and bridges	3017 78
Insurance	448 11
New equipment	1000 00
Temporary loans	11000 00
Road bond payment	1000 00
County tax	3019 65
Schools	17700 00
State aid construction	1300 18
	$59467 63

HARRY B. GOWEN, Town Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Receipts

Jan.	1	Balance on hand auditors' report	$ 4427 47
	12	State of N. H., savings bank tax	91 07
	12	State of N. H., forest fire refund	3 10
	14	Conn. River Nat'l Bank, temporary loan	9000 00
	29	State of N. H., loss of taxes on forest land	26 95
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	12 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1952	35 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes, 1952	1580 69
		Leon F. Newton, interest	13 19
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	3 50
Mar.	12	Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed	451 67
		Leon F. Newton, interest	33 10
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	20 00
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1951	2 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes	60 00

		Leon F. Newton, property taxes	1088 60
		Leon F. Newton, interest	9 32
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	6 00
		State of N. H., bounties	31 25
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	449 64
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	28 00
		Leon F. Newton, special polls 1952	85 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1952	929 06
		Leon F. Newton, interest	19 35
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	8 50
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	591 82
		Leon F. Newton, dog licenses	15 00
May	22	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	4 00
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	8 00
		Leon F. Newton, special polls 1953	35 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1952	25 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1952	3936 15
		Leon F. Newton, interest	95 30
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	1 50
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	83 99
		Leon F. Newton, dog licenses	71 40
		Leon F. Newton, timber tax	65 78
July	2	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	54 00
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	8 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes	220 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1952	1415 55
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	3 50
		Leon F. Newton, interest	42 04
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	183 60
		Leon R. Newton, dog licenses	19 20
		From Selectmen, property sold by the town	36 32
	16	From school dist., use of shovel	5 00
		Refund on Burke bill	30
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	28 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	90 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1952	2466 31
		Leon F. Newton, interest	78 87
		Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed	198 26
	18	State of N. H., Class V money	3840 02
Aug.	7	State of N. H., interest and div. tax	553 97
		From Selectmen, property sold by town	70 00
	13	From School Dist., pay for gas	92 78
	27	Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed	5 00
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	76 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	181 50

		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	927 27
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1952	23 20
		Leon F. Newton, interest	6 11
		Leon F. Newton, timber tax	128 69
		Leon F. Newton, dog licenses	76 10
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	48 44
		Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed	216 00
Sept.	12	Leon F. Newton, dog licenses	8 80
		Leon F. Newton, auto permits	64 66
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	52 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	85 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	1454 32
		Leon F. Newton, interest 1952	1 00
		Leon F. Newton, property tax	25
	28	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	2 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	8 50
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	2408 16
Oct.	1	Conn. River Nat'l Bank, temp. loan	2000 00
	14	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	18 00
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1952	4 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	55 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1952	15 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	1194 34
		Leon F. Newton, interest	1 80
		Leon F. Newton, penalties	1 50
Nov.	5	Leon F. Newton, auto permits	51 58
		Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	4 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	15 00
		Leon F. Newton, Property taxes 1953	3031 02
		Leon F. Newton, national bank stock	4 00
		Leon F. Newton, interest	40
	19	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	4 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	10 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	1783 69
		Leon F. Newton, interest	40
		Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed	10 00
		State of N. H., refund on head tax	3 99
		Leon F. Newton, payment for culvert	61 88
		Town of Lempster, refund on gas bill	13 35
	26	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	2 00
		Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	10 00
		Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	1188 50
		Leon F. Newton, interest	20
Dec.	3	Leon F. Newton, tax sales redeemed 1952	214 42
		Leon F. Newton, interest	4 26

	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	26 00
	Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	120 00
	Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	10562 29
	Leon F. Newton, interest	2 20
30	Leon F. Newton, regular polls 1953	6 00
	Leon F. Newton, head taxes 1953	25 00
	Leon F. Newton, property taxes 1953	2345 18
	Leon F. Newton, timber tax	563 64
	Leon F. Newton, interest	3 43
	Leon F. Newton, penalties	1 00
	State of N. H., refund from pine blister	50
	Leon F. Newton, auto permits	75 46
	State of N. H., forest fire money	807 00
	State of N. H., savings bank tax	88 69
		$62854 84

HARRY B. GOWEN, Town Treasurer

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:	
Town officers' salaries	$ 1500 00
Town officers' expenses	500 00
Election and registration expenses	50 00
Town hall and buildings maintenance	40 00
Fire department	100 00
Blister rust, moth extermination	400 00
Town road aid	881 91
Town maintenance (summer $2500) (winter $3300)	5800 00
New construction, roads	2850 00
General expenses of highway department	2000 00
Insurance	400 00
Street lighting	260 00
Libraries	280 00
Old age assistance	700 00
Public relief, town poor	100 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	100 00
Cemeteries	150 00
Payments on debt (principal $1300) (int. $600)	1900 00
Previous years' deficit	1570 00
County tax	3019 65
School tax	19510 61
Total town and school appropriations	$42112 17

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and dividends tax	$ 549 99	
Savings bank tax	90 00	
Reimbursement acct. state and federal lands	26 95	
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber	581 81	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1400 00	
Dog licenses	186 00	
Int. on taxes and income from trust funds	535 25	
Sale of tax deeded property	36 32	
Total Revenues and Credits		$3406 32
		$38705 85
Plus overlay		127 60
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$38833 45
Less: Number 190 of poll taxes at $2	$ 380 00	
National bank stock taxes	4 00	
		$ 384 00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		$38449 45

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property taxes	$38449 45
Poll taxes at $2	380 00
National bank stock taxes	4 00
Total taxes to be committed	$38833 45

Tax Rates

Approved by Tax Commission

Town	$5.52

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant—Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1953

Taxes committed to collector:		
Property taxes	$38671 11	
Poll taxes	382 00	
National bank stock	4 00	
		$39057 11
Total warrant	$ 2198 77	
Yield taxes		
Added taxes—property	636 73	
Interest	8 83	
Total debits		$41901 44
Remittances to treasurer:		
Property tax	$24894 77	
Poll tax	276 00	
National bank stock tax	4 00	
Yield tax	563 64	
Interest	8 83	
Abatements	1147 74	
Uncollected:		
Property	$13281 33	
Poll	90 00	
Yield	1635 13	
Total credits		$41901 44

Levy of 1952

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953:		
Property	$11918 79	
Polls	92 00	
Yield	212 00	
	$12222 79	
Interest collected	264 18	
Added taxes—polls	6 00	
Total debits—credits		$12492 97
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property taxes	$11439 81	
Poll taxes	80 00	
Interest	264 18	
Yield taxes	194 47	
Abatements	155 26	

Uncollected:		
Property taxes	333 72	
Poll taxes	8 00	
Yield taxes	17 53	
Total credits		$12492 97

Previous Years

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953:		
Property taxes	$ 223 00	
Poll taxes	52 00	
Yield taxes	286 03	
Total debits—credits		$ 561 03
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Poll taxes	$ 2 00	
Abatements	14 00	
Uncollected:		
Property taxes	$ 223 00	
Poll taxes	36 00	
Yield taxes	286 03	
Total credits		$ 561 03

Summary of Warrant—State Head Tax—Levy of 1953

State head taxes committed to collector:		
Original warrant	$1125 00	
Added taxes	10 00	
Total commitment	$1135 00	
Penalties collected	1 00	
Total debits		$ 1136 00
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Remittances to treasurer:		
Head taxes	$ 820 00	
Penalties	1 00	
	$ 821 00	
Abatements	20 00	
Uncollected	295 00	
		$ 1136 00

Summary of Warrant—State Head Tax—Levy of 1952-51

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953	$ 355 00	
Added during 1953	15 00	
Penalties collected	24 50	
Total debits		$ 394 50
Remittances to treasurer:		
Head taxes	$ 255 00	
Penalties	24 50	
	$ 279 50	
Abatements	75 00	
Uncollected	40 00	
Total credits		$ 394 50

Taxes sold to town	1952	1951	1950	Previous
Balance unredeemed 1-1-53	$2212 94	$1874 58	$1055 49	$ 176 14
Interest collected	4 26	11 90	54 04	
	$2217 20	$1886 48	$1109 53	$ 176 14
Remittances to Treas.	$ 355 56	$ 345 24	$ 410 59	$ 21 32
Unredeemed	1861 64	1541 24	698 94	110 10
Abated				44 72
	$2217 20	$1886 48	$1109 53	$ 176 14

I hereby certify that the foregoing accounts are correct, as of December 31, 1953 to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Tax Collector

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. ELBRIDGE, Auditor

Jan. 23, 1954.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town hall, lands and buildings	$ 4,000.00
Furniture and equipment	150.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Fire department, lands and buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	1,200.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	2,900.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Materials and supplies	500.00
Parks, commons and playgrounds	500.00
Schools, lands and buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Jennison lot	250.00
John Allen lot	125.00
Prouty lot	75.00
Lucy Johnson lot	65.00
Total	$34,265.00

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Assets of the Town Dec. 31 1953:		
Cash in treasury	$ 3387 21	
Due on 1953 taxes	15006 46	
Due on 1952 taxes and previous years	904 28	
Unredeemed previous years	4211 92	
		$23509 87
Liabilities of the Town Dec. 31, 1953		
Due Conn. River Nat'l Bank on tax anticipation notes	$9000 00	
Due school system Dec. 31, 1953	7825 15	
		$16825 15
Balance Dec. 31, 1953		$ 6684 72
Long Term Debt:		
Due Walpole Savings Bank, acct. town garage note and mortgage	$ 2000 00	
Due First National Bank, Concord, N. H., acct. road bonds	11000 00	
		$13000 00

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

It was necessary to pay $29.00 for transportation and care of one invalid.

FRED L. ROBBINS
KENNETH E. BASCOM
EDITH B. KEMP

The Silsby Free Public Library Trust Funds

Assets

Deposited in saving account, N. H. Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1953		$1918 36

Liabilities

Total trust funds received	$1789 06	
Unexpended interest	129 30	
		$1918 36

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ELBRIDGE, Auditor

January 26, 1954.

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees' Report - 1953

During the past three years through the summer season the library has been kept open somewhat irregularly one or more periods early in the week in addition to the period on Saturday afternoon. As a result the trustees are encouraged to believe that this would as a regular practice increase the usefulness of the library to the community. It has therefore been arranged to keep the library open this coming summer for one period early in the week as well as on Saturday afternoons. The trustees would welcome suggestions as to the days and hours for this additional service.

The trustees are eager otherwise to extend the usefulness of the library and wish to emphasize that the librarian will gladly try to borrow from the State Library or elsewhere such books as the residents may wish and the library does not own. It should also be made known that the Bookmobile every few weeks brings for short loan a considerable number of recent publications of varied sort from which the librarian may make selection. Residents who wish reading matter along any special lines are urged to leave or send to the library request for such books. As far as possible the Librarian will then choose books bearing on such subjects which the Bookmobile collection may have at the time.

Again this year the library met with a change when in April Mrs. Brang left town. Fortunately Mrs. Margaret Iliffe, who had assisted both Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Brang, was able to take Mrs. Brang's place so there was no serious interruption in this service.

The standard system for keeping control of the book circulation has been essentially completed. The amount of the balance of funds on hand at the end of the year is chiefly due to the failure this year to buy library furniture provided for in the budget of this year.

Mrs. Thomas R. Potter was appointed member of the Board of Trustees in the place of Mr. Shelden Allen who moved out of town.

Respectfully submitted

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Treasurer's Report - 1953

Town Appropriation Account

Receipts

Balance from 1952	$ 108 43	
Treasurer to meet overdraft	5 00	
Mrs. Brang, over charge	1 00	
Town treasurer	280 00	
Total receipts		$ 394 43

Expenditures - Summary

Librarian service	$ 182 88	
Heating	34 00	
Janitor	4 23	
Lighting	15 65	
Miscellaneous	14 50	
Total expenditures		$ 251 26
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953		$ 143 17

Trust Fund Account

Receipts

Balance from 1952	$ 24 20	
Trustee of Trust fund	60 00	
Total receipts		$ 84 20

Expenditures

Books	$ 18 97	
Magazines	32 15	
Total expenditures		$ 51 12
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953		$ 33 08

Signed:

G. S. AMSDEN, Treas.

Budget for 1954

Librarian service	$ 185 00	
Janitor service	30 00	
Chunk wood	20 00	
Electric lighting	15 00	
Memberhip American Library Assoc.	6 00	
Memberhip N. H. Library Assoc.	3 50	
Library supplies	10 00	
Card catalogue file	40 00	
Magazine rack	35 00	
For books	50 00	
Total		$ 404 50
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953		143 17
Appropriation necessary		$ 261 33

BESSIE M. PERRY
DOROTHY E. POTTER
GEORGE S. AMSDEN
Trustees

Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Acworth, N. H., on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Name of TRUST FUNDS (Cemetery Fund)	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Apr. 22, 1913	Edward C. Ball	N. H. Savings Bank	$100 00		$ 3 02	$ 3 02	
Apr. 22, 1913	Julia A. Buswell	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	$ 50 00	7 55	3 75	$ 53 80
Apr. 26, 1916	Mary L. Bowers	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	3 62	9 17	4 55	8 24
Feb. 17, 1922	George W. Neal	N. H. Savings Bank	106 36		3 20	3 20	
July 8, 1922	T. W. Place	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00		1 50	1 50	
Aug. 5, 1924	William Warner	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Jan. 3, 1925	Horace G. Perham	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00		1 50	1 50	
Mar. 19, 1925	Henry A. Clark	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	95 00	8 92	4 43	99 49
July 13, 1925	Laura J. McKeen	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Dec. 29, 1925	Abram Mitchell	N. H. Savings Bank	190 00	20 91	6 36	3 15	24 12
May 3, 1929	Charles K. Wood	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
May 14, 1930	Charles Elliott	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00		1 50	1 50	
Apr. 9, 1930	Hiram N. Hayward	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Jan. 12. 1931	Cynthia E. Finlay	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Sept. 1, 1931	Ada L. Wallace	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00		6 05	3 00	3 05
Nov. 19, 1931	White-Ryder	N. H. Savings Bank	95 00		2 87	2 87	
Sept. 22, 1932	Oariett Eaton	N. H. Savings Bank	25 00		76	76	
Feb. 17, 1933	Samuel A. Nye	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Apr. 17, 1934	Ashton E. Hemphill	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
July 12, 1937	George W. Buss	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Oct. 23, 1937	Frank McLaughlin	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Dec. 15, 1937	Walter Slader	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	6 00	9 24	4 59	10 65

May 15, 1938	George W. Call	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Jan. 1, 1939	Alger E. Hemphill	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
May 4, 1940	Chas. M. Thornton	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Nov. 12, 1941	Gertrude C. Read	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00		6 05	3 00	3 05
Dec. 9, 1941	Weston Kemp	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Dec. 9, 1941	Orlin R. Kemp	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00		1 50	1 50	
July 23, 1942	James Jeffrey	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
July 23, 1942	H. W. Allen	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Feb. 28, 1943	Ella M. Prentiss	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00		3 02	3 02	
Dec. 27, 1944	Almon E. Clark	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	130 00		4 24	4 24	
Dec. 27, 1944	Francis Buss	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	70 00		2 29	2 29	
Oct. 19, 1945	Edwin S. Chatterton	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	300 00	10 81	10 16	5 08	15 89
Feb. 3, 1946	Horace K. Rugg	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Feb. 19, 1946	Irving C. Davis	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	150 00		4 91	3 28	1 63
Mar. 28, 1946	Carl Kemp	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Oct. 28, 1946	A. W. Barney	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
May 6, 1947	Fred Batchelder	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Nov. 4, 1947	Bass Lot	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	200 00		6 55	3 28	3 27
Apr. 6, 1951	Grace M. Muzzy	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Aug. 29, 1951	Horace Dexter	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Mar. 24, 1952	George W. Potter	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27	3 27	
Mar. 24, 1952	Barnet C. Finlay	Sugar Riv. Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 27		3 27
			$2600 00	$ 10 81	$ 83 00	$ 66 70	$ 27 11
	LIBRARY FUNDS						
Apr. 5, 1916	Rebecca W. Madison	N. H. Savings Bank	150 00	19 04	5 11		24 15
Aug. 24, 1924	W. L. Woodbury	N. H. Savings Bank	1000 00	62 20	31 20	60 00	33 40
Dec. 25, 1925	Abram Mitchell	N. H. Savings Bank	475 00	41 01	15 59		56 60
Mar. 13, 1937	Walter Slader	N. H. Savings Bank	164 06	9 91	5 24		15 15
			$1789 06	$ 132 16	$ 57 14	$ 60 00	$ 129 30

SCHOOL REPORT

DISTRICT OF ACWORTH, N. H.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL, 1953-54

Moderator
LEON NEWTON

Clerk
KATHERINE SPRAGUE

School Board

WILLIS WARD	Term expires 1954
FRANCES STREETER	Term expires 1955
HARVEY BASCOM	Term expires 1956

Treasurer
DOROTHY FAUGHT

Auditor
FRANK WEAVER

Teachers
VIRGINIA BLAKE, Grade 1-3
ETHELYN PIERCE, Grades 4-6

Union Clerk
MARION BRADISH

Superintendent of Union 5
RALPH H. MEACHAM

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AC WORTH, N. H., 1954-55

EXPENDITURES — ITEM	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expend. 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Com. Budget 1954-55
Administration:					
Salaries of district officers	$ 195.00	$ 195.00	$ 230.00	$ 230.00	$ 230.00
Supt's. salary (local share)	266.00	186.33	239.75	217.00	217.00
Tax for state wide supervision	172.00	172.00	156.00	134.00	134.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	133.00	133.00	145.25	154.00	154.00
Supplies and expenses	225.75	275.00	225.75	270.75	270.75
Instruction:					
High school teachers' & principal's salaries				5,850.00	5,850.00
Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	5,250.00	5,000.00	5,350.00		
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	150.00	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	175.00	175.00	175.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	70.00	70.00	75.00	50.00	50.00
Operation of School Plant:					
Salaries of janitors, elementary	300.00	300.00	350.00	300.00	300.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	250.00	250.00	250.00	275.00	275.00
Maintenance of School Plant:					
Repairs and replacements, elementary	150.00	280.00	225.00	175.00	175.00
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health supervision, elementary	170.00	201.00	150.00	240.00	240.00
Transportation, high	1,050.00)				
Transportation, elementary	3,150.00)	3,800.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00

Tuition, high	3,360.00)			3,380.00	3,380.00
Tuition, elementary	2,295.00)	3,856.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary			500.00	100.00	100.00
Fixed Charges:					
Retirement, elementary	342.50	321.50	330.90	416.77	416.77
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	60.00	155.61	115.00	133.07	133.07
Total Current Expenses	$18,114.25	$15,870.44	$18,247.97	$19,575.59	$19,575.59
Capital Outlay:					
Additions and improvements, elementary		125.00		100.00	100.00
New equipment, elementary	1,000.00	4,400.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Payments into capital reserve fund			500.00		
Total Capital Outlay	$ 1.000.00				
Debt and Interest:					
Principal of debt			2,350.00		
Interest on debt			57.50		
Total Expenditures or School Appropriation	$20,114.25	$20,395.44	$21,255.47	$19,775.59	$19,775.59

MAURICE D. MILLER
ELSIE GOODNOW
KENNETH E. BASCOM
HARRY B. GOWEN

HARVEY S. PUTNAM
FAY A. EVANS
WALDO R. STREETER
WILLIS R. WARD
Budget Committee

Feb. 8, 1954

SCHOOL WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Acworth qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the sixteenth day of March, 1954, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund, together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to appropriate five hundred dollars ($500.00) of the estimated balance for 1953-54 as a capital reserve fund.

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers:		
George S. Amsden, school board	$ 60 00	
Willis Ward, school board	40 00	
Frances Streeter, school board	40 00	
Leon Newton, moderator	5 00	
Helen Allen, clerk	5 00	
Harry Gowen, treasurer	35 00	
Earl Luther, auditor	10 00	
		$ 195 00
Superintendent's salary (local share)		186 33
1952-53		
Acworth	$ 186 33	
Charlestown	1197 88	
Cornish	505 77	
Croydon	159 72	
Goshen	133 10	
Langdon	-133 10	
Lempster	133 10	
Unity	212 95	
	$2661 95	
State share	2275 00	
	$4936 95	
Tax for state wide supervision		172 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel:		
Clerk, union office	$ 98 00	
Acworth Parents' Club, census	10 00	
District books	25 00	
		$ 133 00
Supplies and expenses		383 39
Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries:		
Dorothy Potter	$ 90 50	
Virginia Blake	1751 44	
Harold Palmer	2070 50	
Frances Streeter	10 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	770 00	
Teachers' Retirement System	308 10	
		$ 5000 54

Books and other instructional aids		57 65
Scholars' supplies		219 98
Supplies and other expenses		36 96
Operation of School Plant:		
Salaries of janitors:		
David Barrett	$ 40 00	
Arthur Smith	160 00	
		$ 200 00
Fuel or heat		341 37
Water, light, supplies and expenses		273 58
Maintenance of School Plant:		
Repairs and replacements:		
George Amsden	$ 5 35	
Bragg Lumber Company	7 53	
R. L. Galloway	54 97	
Rand, Ball & King	31 86	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	4 75	
David Barrett	123 13	
Keil Lock Company	3 10	
Pattern shop	6 00	
A. H. Streeter	59 61	
Marx's Hardware	1 07	
Arthur W. Smith	26 25	
Wirthmore Feed Company	2 60	
Rick's Electric Shop	7 00	
Nelson C. Burnham	7 50	
Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	26 83	
Town of Acworth	5 00	
Frank Weaver	4 00	
Harvey Putnam	20 00	
Fred Carmen	18 00	
Ernest Batchelder, Sr.	13 20	
Leonard Balla	13 20	
		$ 440 95
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health supervision		201 00
Transportation:		
Willis Ward	$ 35 57	
David Barrett	254 37	
Leonard Smith	943 20	
Perry and Willard	283 23	
Alstead Garage	1071 81	
Arthur Smith	900 00	

Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	258 80	
Graham Motor Company	4 00	
Town of Acworth	67 34	
Harvey Bascom	192 00	
Village Store	3 17	
		$ 4013 49
Tuition: (Alstead)		
High School	$2619 51	
Elementary	1461 13	
		$ 4080 64
Special Activities and Special Funds (school lunch)		137 42
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement (District share)		303 75
Insurance, Treasurer's bond, etc.		155 61
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment:		
Graham Motor Company	$4300 00	
J. L. Hammett Co .	18 85	
American Playground Device Co.	31 89	
Supervisory Union No. 5	12 03	
		$ 4362 77
Debt and Interest:		
Principal of debt		1500 00
Interest on debt		33 02
		$22428 45
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953		107 79
		$22536 24

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		$ 722 44
Received from Selectmen, current appropriation	$18924 31	
Received from sale of notes and bonds	2300 00	
Received from all other sources	612 79	
		$21837 10
Total amount available for fiscal year		$22559 54
Less school board orders paid		22451 75
Balance on hand June 30, 1953		$ 107 79

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Acworth, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

FRANK L. WEAVER, Auditor

July 14, 1953

PUPIL STATISTICS - 1953-54

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Acworth	9	5	6	3	3	7							33
Alstead					1		7	4	3	4	2	4	25
Totals	9	5	6	3	4	7	7	4	3	4	2	4	58

TUITION LIST - 1953-54

Alstead: High, $215:—Harold Bushey, 9; Rose Knight, 9; Lorraine Snow, 9; David Balla, 10; John Balla, 10; Walter Smith, 10; Barbara Young, 10; Hazel Pettersen, 11; Robert Royce, 11; Albert Davis, 12; David Gowey, 12; Eldon Morrison, 12; Patricia Smith, 12.

Elementary, $135:—Patricia Neal, 5; Louise Champney, 7; Elizabeth Davis, 7; Joan Davis, 7; Phyllis Demond, 7; Ella Knight, 7; Roy Miller, 7; David Young, 7; Leonard Christie, 8; Barbara Nagle, 8; Beverly Neal 8; Dale Randall, 8.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Acworth, I hereby submit my second annual school report as Superintendent of Schools:

The usual cleaning and repairing of minor damages, which occur during the normal year of a school building, were carried out during the summer months. Floors were scrubbed, sealed and waxed, desks cleaned and waxed, and windows washed. A few new "aeroplane" type desks were purchased.

An area to the north of the building was cleared and graveled for the erection of a merry-go-round, teeter-board and swings in a continuing effort to provide better recreational facilities. This has enabled the segregation of children into appropriate age groups during the recreation periods before, during and after school hours. The merry-go-round has proved most popular with the primary pupils.

Additional gravel was drawn to continue the landscaping program in front of the building. It is expected that this will be covered with loam and seeded during the summer months.

Mrs. Ethelyn Pierce, a graduate of U. N. H. and a teacher in Bradford for one year, was employed to teach the intermediate grades as a replacement for Mr. Harold Palmer. I believe she has done a very thorough job in teaching and regret that it was necessary for her to resign as of February 1. Miss Joan Worthley of Charlestown, who completed her cadet training at the Farwell School in North Charlestown and graduated from Keene Teachers College in January, was engaged to complete the school year 1953-54. Her most satisfactory work as a cadet teacher will enable her to continue an effective educational training for the pupils in grades four, five and six.

Mrs. Virginia Blake, who studied at Keene Teachers College during the past summer and who is taking an extension course during the second semester, has been most effective in helping boys and girls begin their school experiences in an atmosphere conducive to good learning. This early mastery of the fundamentals and development of good study habits is most essential for future success in school and life.

The music program was augmented by the employment of Mr. Paul Robbins as music supervisor. The additional emphasis was evidenced at the Christmas program. A musical program for presentation this spring will bring out more fully the additional offerings and training. The acquisition of a better piano has assisted all the teachers in their teaching of music.

The surplus foods received have enabled Mrs. Smith to provide excellent and well prepared meals. Parents' Club assistance on the hot lunch program is deeply appreciated.

The transportation problem has been greatly simplified by the awarding of a contract to Mr. Harvey Bascom and his purchase of a Ford station-wagon. The almost daily trips to the garage for bus repairs have been eliminated and is reflected in the financial report of the school district.

Permission has been received to dispose of the Buick ambulance which was used to transport children last year.

Mr. Bascom has also served the community well as a member of the school board. The school board members and I do, however, miss the wise counsel of Dr. Amsden.

Although the proposed budget shows a decrease in the assessment, this does not mean a lowering of standards or deprivation of essential materials. It does reflect the decrease in enrollment and previous purchases of equipment which lasts for several years.

The very excellent cooperation on the part of teachers, parents and school board members has enabled me to devote more time in assisting Unity, Lempster, Goshen and Cornish to study and make proposals for building programs which are badly needed. I wish to personally thank you for this cooperation and consideration of the needs of neighboring communities, and I know that the citizens of these communities appreciate your consideration of the limited time of the superintendent. I assure you that I will continue to give close attention to your educational problems.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. MEACHAM,

Superintendent

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Good health has been defined as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and the foundation of joyous, zestful living." This is the goal for which we are striving in our school health program.

Our school health program is carried out through the cooperation of the state, the local administrative staff of the schools, the teaching personnel, the parents, the pupils and the school nurse.

Our first concern is for the physical well-being of our children. The child who has some physical defect, no matter how minor, and is not given the benefit of needed medical care, certainly cannot be the happy child we would like him to be.

Routine inspections which are conducted in every school by your school nurse serve as a screening. These inspections consist of heights, weights, general condition, appearance, vision and hearing tests. If any defect is observed, a notice is sent home to the parents of the child. These notices in no way serve a diagnostic purpose. Your school nurse reports symptoms only. A reply to the notice, by the parents, is most desirable. If no reply is made, or if the parents request the nurse's assistance, she in turn makes a home visit to determine how she may best assist the parents in obtaining care for the child.

Many organization — federal, state, and local service organizations—stand ready to help in providing the necessary care for our children. If financial assistance is needed for eye care, service organizations such as the Rotary and Lions Club are very generous and helpful. The Sight Conservation Program, which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare, is also available. Our same service organizations are also very interested in our hearing difficulties. There again, state assistance is available through the Crippled Children's Services. If the loss of hearing is due to a congenital abnormality which may be corrected, Crippled Children's Services will authorize treatment. Funds for hearing aids are not available through this service. We are dependent upon the N. H. Hearing Society, welfare agencies and service organizations for assistance in the purchase of hearing aids.

In the case of the retarded child or the child who has great difficulty in adjusting himself to school and his environment, the Child Guidance Clinic, under Dr. Philbrick, is available as a diagnostic clinic.

These are only a few of the many agencies which stand ready to assist our children whenever the need arises. They assume a share in the responsibility of keeping our children healthy, happy and well-adjusted.

The cooperation of each one of us is the important factor in the success of our health program.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each one of you for your interest and your help in carrying out this important program.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE MACIVER,

School Nurse

Vital Statistics

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF ACWORTH

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1953

Births Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition: Male or Female	Sex and Condition: No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 4	Springfield	Brian Bruce	M	4	Harvey S. Putnam	Barbara E. Fowler	Acworth	Farmer	Charlestown, N. H.	W. Newbury, Mass.
May 2	Bellows Falls	Brian Arnold	M	3	Morris S. Ring, Jr.	Gladys N. Murdough	Acworth	Truck driv.	Newport, N. H.	Keene, N. H.
May 17	Bellows Falls	Gloria Jean	F	3	Richard E. Smith	Avis M. Neal	Acworth	Truck driv.	Grantham, N. H.	Boston, Mass.
June 13	Keene	Lyle Kelly	M	2	Ralph L. Balla	Ruth H. Kelly	Acworth	Trucking	Acworth, N. H.	Keene, N. H.
June 19	Bellows Falls	Kathryn June	F	2	Chas. W. VanVelsor	Honey M. Auld	Acworth	Carpenter	Huntington, L. I., N. Y.	James, L. I., N. Y.
July 28	Springfield	Stephen Allen	M	2	Arthur A. Young	Phyllis E. Berquist	Acworth	Tur. lathe op.	Acworth, N. H.	Somerville, Mass.
Aug. 23	Bellows Falls	Gary Steven	M	6	Robert F. Champney	Laura M. Thurber	Acworth	Papermaker	Marlow, N. H.	Lempster, N. H.
Oct. 29	Springfield	Charmian Ruby	F	1	Frederick D. Blood	Carla J. Blake	Acworth	Town Rd. Agt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Springfield, Vt.
Dec. 12	Bellows Falls	Maryann Elyce	F	5	Elmer C. Rhoades	Eleanora L. Spaulding	Acworth	Laborer	Langdon, N. H.	Marlow, N. H.
Dec. 20	Claremont	Kevin Brooks	M	2	Theodore R. Pitkin, Jr.	Eleanor H. Brooks	Acworth	Lumbering	N. H.	N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953.

Date and Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Birthplace of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 18	Richard A. Young	Acworth, N. H.	26	Air Force	N. H.	Clyde A. Young	N. H.		M. Porter,
Newport	Cecelia D. Rivers	Leominster, Mass.	23	Packer	Mass.	Edna Elliott	N. H.	Single	Methodist Clergyman
						Charles A. Rivers	Mass.		Newport, N. H.
						Henrietta Miller	Ireland	Single	
June 6	Charles F. Pockett	Acworth, N. H.	21	Mechanic	Acworth, N. H.	Charles A. Pockett	N. H.		Robert J. MacLeod,
Newport	Vieno A. L. Leeman	Croydon, N. H.	20	Bookkeeper	Unity, N. H.	Freda L. Robbins	N. H.	Single	Minister of the Gospel
						William A. Leeman	Finland		Newport, N. H.
						Anne S. Koski	N. H.	Single	
June 19	George S. Amsden	Acworth, N. H.	83	Physician	Ohio	Austin O. Amsden	Ohio		Rev. Vincent Freihi,
Acworth	Virginia S. Broadwell	Acworth, N. H.	49	Unemployed	N. Y.	Mary J. Dickinson	Conn.	Widowed	Clergyman & Rector of
						George E. Savage	N. Y.		Trinity Church,
						Clara M. Gunther	Ohio	Divorced	Claremont, N. H.
July 5	Frederick D. Blood	Acworth, N. H.	18	Laborer	Vt.	Frederick D. Blood			
Alstead	Carla J. Blake	Alstead, N. H.	16	At Home	Vt.	Amy V. Prouty	Vt.	Single	Norman R. Farnum, Jr.
						Frank N. Blake	Vt.		Clergyman,
						Virginia P. Pyke	Vt.	Single	Walpole, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name & Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Sin., Wid. or Mar.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Mar. 25	Bellows Falls	Ellen L. Oliver	73	Cairo, Ill.	F	S	Housework	Richard Oliver	Isabella Berry
Apr. 10	Grafton	Harriet B. Hull	78	Nova Scotia, Can.	F	W	None	Robert Davidson	Sarah Foote
June 1	Bellows Falls	Cara L. P. Ryan	77	Luzerine, Pa.	F	M	Housewife	Michael Laphy	Margaret A. Davis
June 2	Acworth	Franklin F. Johnson	85	Bowdoinham, Me.	M	M	Retired	Samuel Johnson	Irene Hill
Aug. 18	Rockingham	Frank H. Wright	54	Charlestown, N. H.	M	M	Machinist	John Wright	Mary Ferguson
Oct. 18	Hanover	March Clark	74	Langdon, N. H.	M	M	Farmer	Almon E. Clark	Elma Buss

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LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk.